

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been modified to improve its grammar and to incorporate elements of claim 2 which has been cancelled. With these amendments, claim 1 specifies that there may be permeate collection means associated with one header or with both headers. If there is one permeate collection means, it is submersible in the substrate. If there are more than one permeate collection means, each is submersible in the substrate.

Claim 3 has been amended to add the words "port", "duct", "conduit" and "manifold". These words are supported by the specification, for example, at page 45, line 14; page 43, line 9 and page 14, lines 3-4. Claim 4 is amended to add the terms "header enclosure" and "collection pan" found at page 32, lines 19-20 and page 35, line 10 of the application. A new claim 8 is added corresponding to claim 3 but dependent on claim 5. Various grammatical changes are also made to these claims as shown in the listing of claims.

The Applicants submit that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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